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Arras: A Silver Coffee Pot By Louis Pierrequin, 1780-1781



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Signature : Pierrequin

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Height : 22.5cm

Description

- Coffee pot- Hammered, cast, and embossed silver; ebony handle- Master silversmith:Louis Pierrequin, master silversmith in Arras, licensed February 24, 1776, until 1792- Arras, 1780-1781- Total height: 22.5 cm; weight (net): 865 g- Condition: very fine condition of the patina; minor historical restoration on one foot.- Pear-shaped coffee potwith twelve ribs in the form of doucines with pinched edges; the doucines extendinto a bell-shaped lid edged with a rocaille frieze reminiscent of that on the body.The cast fretel depicts a small seed on a terrace of foliage. Theattachments of the feet are jagged and wavy shells; the feetend in a wide base rising up on beveled stems. The covered spoutwith channels ends in a base shaped like a flower bud. Beneath the spout isan engraved

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"GC" monogram. The handle is made of turned ebony. · Whilethis small coffee pot remains classic in its treatment of certain details characteristicof the Lille Generality--such as the leg attachments and spout--it remains the only onelisted in the Generality, and particularly within its guild, due to itsdoucine shape with protruding ridges lined with rocaille borders.- Hallmarks: master silversmith: LPsurmounted by a three-pointed crown for Louis Pierrequin, 1776-1792(?) ([3], pp. 269 & 300); warden mark: C beneath a crown withclaws, Arras, 1780-1781 ([3], p. 301); hallmark: AR with two grains surmounted by a rat crowned with a seven-ball count's crown for Arras, 1767-1782 ([5], pp. 120 & 301). - Ref.: [1] Helft, Jacques: "Les poinçons des provinces françaises" 1968; [2] Cartier, Nicole: "Les orfèvresd e Lille" Vol. I & II, Cahier du Patrimoine, 2004; [3] Cartier, Nicole:"Les orfèvres de la jurande d'Arras" 1983; [4] Cartier, Nicole: "Les orfèvres de Douai" Cahier duPatrimoine, 1995; [5] Hélène Desmet-Grégoire: "L'introduction du café en France au 17e siècle," Revues plurielles,No. 10, 1994Full working paper available (French)